



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Hiroyuki Nishi et al.

Serial No.: 09/917,338

Art Unit: 3627

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Examiner: McAllister

For: METHOD OF CHARGE PROCESSING (as amended)

May 10, 2005

RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of March 10, 2005, wherein the Examiner set forth a Requirement for Restriction for the above-identified application, the Applicants hereby provisionally elect, without traverse, Species 2, identified by the Examiner as being shown in Figure 15, for further prosecution on the merits.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on May 10, 2005

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Signature

May 10, 2005

Date of Signature

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Account No. 50-1145, Order No. 404777.101752.

Claims 6 through 11 read on Species 2. An early examination of these claims is respectfully requested. The Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications to further prosecute claims not being elected at the present time.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John F. Gulbin".

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